

I encourage you to put the public interest ahead of private ones

and allow greater time for open public debate of the proposed further

easing of the present caps on media ownership.

As a corporate media owner grows larger, it may indeed found

additional outlets. But that doesn't mean a wider breadth of

perspectives will necessarily be heard.

For an electorate to cast a truly informed vote, it needs access to

diverse ideas and voices. The airwaves are of course public

property, and the public's democratic interest should predominate

in this area.

Again, I urge you to allow more time for free and open debate of

media consolidation and its effects on public attitudes.

Respectfully,

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